

# **Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board**

## **Sewage Tank Pumper Permitting Guidelines**

Listed below are the guidelines for Sewage Tank Pumper permitting with the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. Annual Sewage Tank Pumper Permits are required for any pumper doing business in the City of Oxford. A sewage tank pumper is required to obtain a Pump Permit each time they are pumping a septic tank or grease trap in the City of Oxford or disposing of septic tank waste at the Oxford Tull C. Allen Wastewater Treatment Facility. There is no cost for these permits.

### **Septic Tanks**

1. Complete the Annual Sewage Tank Pumper Permit Application and submit to Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board by April 15, 2016.
2. Once approved, the Pumper will receive an Annual Sewage Tank Pumper Permit.
3. Before pumping any septic tank in the Oxford service area, the pumper must obtain a Pump Permit from the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. There is no cost for this permit.
4. An Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board representative must be onsite when the septic tank is pumped and will certify that it is pumped according to the Alabama Department of Health guidelines. Contact information for the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board is listed below.
5. Once the septic tank waste is disposed of at a legal disposal site (**does not have to be Oxford Tull C. Allen Wastewater Treatment Plant**), the pumper must present the completed permit to the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board's office with the final destination of the waste identified.
6. If waste in the pumper truck did not originate from Oxford, Sewage Tank Pumper will need to obtain a Pump Permit from Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. Pumper will need show manifest for origin and type of waste to the Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators.
7. Please review the revised Septic Disposal Rates as they have changed effective April 1, 2016.
8. Oxford Water reserves the right to deny any load.
9. Hours are limited to 7:30 a.m. through 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.
10. The Sewage Tank Pumper Permit must be renewed each January.

### **Grease Interceptors/Traps**

1. Complete the Sewage Tank Pumper Permit Application and submit to Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board by April 15, 2016.
2. Once approved, the Pumper will receive a Sewage Tank Pumper Permit.
3. Before pumping any grease trap in the Oxford service area, the pumper must obtain a pump permit from the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. There is no cost for this permit.
4. An Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board representative must be onsite when the grease trap is pumped and will certify that it is pumped according to the Alabama Department of Health guidelines. Contact information for the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board is listed below.

5. Oxford Tull C. Allen Wastewater Treatment Plant does not currently allow grease waste.
6. Once the grease is disposed of at a legal disposal site that accepts grease, the pumper must bring the completed permit to the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board's office with the final destination of the waste identified.
7. If any pumper tank company is found to be discharging directly to the sewer system, the company will be fined \$2000 plus any additional damage they cause to the sewer system and/or treatment plant, have their business license revoked and be subject to prosecution.
8. If excessive grease is physically apparent on the Treatment Plant's bar screen during or following, the septic tank pumper will be assessed a minimum \$100 fine and will be required to cease pumping of the sewage immediately and clean the bar screen and any visible grease throughout the wastewater treatment plant. After multiple occurrences, the General Manager has the right to terminate service with the septic tank hauler.
9. The Annual Sewage Tank Pumper Permit must be renewed each January.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board's Fats, Oils & Grease Program will result in the sewage tank pumper's business license and permit being revoked.

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